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INDICTS INCOMPETENT LODGE LEADERSHIP

The Stalwart Chicago Evening Post Holds It Up to the Gaze of the World

And with Shame Calls Attention to the Country's Situation As a Result of Such

(Hon. J. A. Alexander, member of Congress from the neighboring Gallatin district and one of the most able of the Missouri delegation in Congress, sends the following notable editorial headed "In behalf of Republicanism" from that stalwart Republican organ, the Chicago Evening Post, which appeared in its columns Oct. 20, and which should be read by every real American.—Editor's note.)

"The country is on the verge of a coal strike; it is passing through the costly last chapter of a steel strike; and a congress, with a majority representing the historically constructive Republican party, has not turned a hand to legislate upon the threatening industrial conditions which these strikes represent.

"More than that, the Republican senate has thrown every element of passion, prejudice and delay against the ratification of the peace treaty, an event which every business observer has set down as the most promising starting point for real economic readjustment.

"And finally, there is no indication that the Republican senate has any intention of facing the industrial realities and clearing the field of the treaty by the simple compromise that has been the result evident from the first.

The Endless Attacks

"Look back over the almost endless varieties of attack that have been threatened, framed and then dissipated by every test of actual voting. Lodge and his followers—including, we regret to say, Sherman and McCormick, both senators from Illinois—started by threatening to kill the whole treaty; then they were going to cut the covenant of the League of Nations from the treaty and kill the covenant; then they were going to amend it. Now, finally they have devised a string of doomed 'reservations' which remove the United States from any participation in the league and require Great Britain, France and Japan to O. K. that removal.

"Each one of these waves of assault has been backed by appeals to prejudice as devilish in their cunning as they are unscrupulous in their disregard of national unity and America's responsibility to her allies and to the world. Sherman introduced the religious hatred; McCormick fostered the Irish prejudice; Reed, a Democrat, brought in the race prejudice; Borah lugged in Wall Street prejudice; Johnson played up the Japanese menace; Knox stirred the German-American hyphenism.

"And yet—these men have lost every single vote on the floor of the senate.

"They have absolutely no constructive result of any kind to show to offset the sins they have committed against American solidarity and American honor.

"The defeat of the Johnson '6 to 1' amendment, representing the strongest combined appeal of all passion and prejudice, clearly set the high-water mark of the assault waves. It was beaten, despite the most outrageous campaign of falsification that our foreign affairs have ever known.

How About Responsibility?
"How about the responsibility for all this?

"How about the rights of Republicans all over the country who elected a Republican congress to pave the way for the election of a Republican president in 1920?

"Taft, Root, Hughes, the three national leaders, have spoken the cause of the Republican voters. The little knot of congressmen have disregarded these pleas. Their own ranks divided, badly led, ineffective, futile, they have blundered on in a course that cool political observers know to be costly beyond words to their party's strength.

"Test this among your own acquaintances. Note the men who 'do not like Wilson' yet whose intelligence and self-respect force them to stand with him against the Republican senate. Is this the way to build up Republicanism? On the negative side, the work of hurting the party is even more complete. A senate busy with treaty-baiting has not had time to give Republicans the record of constructive legislation which a Dem-

ocrat-ridden country hoped to have as its strongest argument for release in 1920.

"Today the country is rallying around Mr. Wilson's anti-strike standard, because the Republican senate has neglected to furnish any rallying point on this mighty issue. Again the party strength suffers.

May Be They Can Understand

"We talk thus in terms of cold partisanship because it may be a language which the two senators from

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SISTINE CHAPEL SOLOISTS

The World Famous Vocalists Will Be Heard at the Auditorium on Monday Night.

If the capacity of the Auditorium is not taxed to accommodate the music lovers next Monday night Nov. 17, it will be simply from the fact that such a blizzard or gale is raging that the people cannot get to that popular place of recreation and amusement. The world famous soloists from the Sistine Chapel at Rome will be the attraction and from the record crowds which have greeted them at other points, it is certain that a like one will greet them here. The box office is now open at the Jenkins Music store and Mrs. Francis Henry Hill, under whose management the soloists appear, announces that there already has been a phenomenal sale. The surrounding cities and towns have bought largely and several musical organizations and societies have reserved blocks of seats.

No musical organization which has ever appeared in St. Joseph comes under such favorable circumstances as the Sistine soloists, and their world-wide fame insures to all who attend an evening of rare enjoyment.

DEATH OF DR. JAMES K. GRAHAM

Dr. James K. Graham, who probably has done as much, and more than many St. Joseph physicians to relieve distress and suffering without exacting pay for his service, and who never refused a needy call, died late Monday night at his home here. He had been ill for more than three years but had never complained, and stood his sufferings with fortitude. He is survived by a wife and seven children, all of whom were at his bedside when death came. He was a brother of William P. Joshua A., and Thomas P. Graham, and of Miss Katherine Graham, all of whom reside here. The funeral occurred from the residence, 2508 Pacific street, Wednesday. The pall bearers were Judge L. A. Vorles, Dr. Spencer Pitts, Robert Poteet, Frank Ewing, B. J. Woodson, Harry Hansen, C. P. Cargill and W. P. Fulkerson. In the death of Dr. Graham this community loses a man whom it can ill spare.

ST. JOSEPH SHIP LAUNCHING DELAYED

A message received here Thursday from Ed. A. King, who with a party went to Hog Island last week to attend the launching of the merchant ship "City of St. Joseph," stated that on account of an unavoidable delay the ship could not be launched on Thursday, as originally planned, but that the event would occur yesterday afternoon. He further stated that the ship was a mammoth affair, towering sixty feet from the bottom to the top deck, and drawing twenty-seven feet of water. He said further that the ship measured up with that of any of the others that had, or would be, launched.

MANY OF THE CITY SCHOOLS CLOSED

The majority of the city schools are closed on account of the lack of coal for heating. With the exception of Central High School, Everett School, and Polytechnic High School, all of which are heated by oil, nearly all of the others are closed, and will remain so until a new supply of coal can be secured. The city schools had over 600 tons of coal on hand when the strike took place, but the board turned its supply over to State Hospital No. 2, which was short of fuel, and needed it for the comfort of the unfortunate confined there.

IT WAS "TOO MUCH"

Last Monday when a bill for \$7.50 for a pair of automobile gloves purchased by John D. Mohler, the expensive luxury which the Republican end of the county court has foisted on the taxpayers of the county was presented to that body for payment, with the "O. K." of Mohler attached, Judge McClanahan "ris right up on his hind legs," so to speak, and swore that as long as muddy water flowed in the turgid Missouri, he would not be a party to making the taxpayers of the county pay for the clothes and equipment of its high priced hired men—and his attitude was so belligerent that after a hasty consultation the Republican end of the county court "shooed" the offending bill out of the budget, even though the requisition for the automobile gloves in question, bore the O. K. of Judge Brendel.

THE EDITORS ARE COMING

And As Usual They Will Be Well Taken Care of and Shown the High Places.

The 150 editors and their wives and daughters and other fellows' wives and daughters who make up the Northwest Missouri Press Association will meet at the Robidoux on Nov. 28-29 for the twenty-ninth annual convention—and the usual good time—which is always vouchsafed them. As usual they will be made to feel that St. Joseph is "their home." The officers of the association are: Mrs. S. E. Lee, Savannah Reporter, president; Ben L. Peery, Albany Ledger, vice-president; John Frazier, Tarkio Avalanche, second vice-president; R. T. Dobyns, Holt County Sentinel, Oregon, corresponding secretary; Edmond McWilliams, Plattburg Democrat, recording secretary; J. P. Tucker, Parkville Gazette, treasurer.

The following program for the meeting has been arranged:
Friday, Nov. 28.
10 a. m.—Roll call and report of last meeting.

Echoes from the state press association.
Round table, "The Zone System"—R. A. Ball of Gallatin presiding. Responses by James Todd, Maryville; Frank Freytag, St. Joseph, and others.

"Subscription Rates to Meet the Cost of Production," round table, with D. C. Simons of Grant City presiding. Responses by John Frazier, Tarkio Avalanche; Ben L. Peery, Albany Ledger; H. E. Miles, Rock Port; Mr. Stahlman, King City Chronicle.

"Advertising Rates and Present Conditions"—In charge of V. T. Williams, Stanberry Headlight. Responses by Asa W. Butler, Albany Capital; Ada L. Wightman, Bethany Clipper; John E. Rush, Barnard.

The print paper situation discussed by all concerned. Led by Howard Mills, Mound City, followed by R. F. Dobyns, Oregon; F. E. Kimball, Rock Port, and others.

"County Organization," round table—J. Fred Hull, Maryville Tribune. Representatives from nineteen counties to be heard from with an interim for each county's delegates to discuss county organization together.

"The Help Situation in Country Offices"—Led by Fred Harrison of Gallatin. Discussion by W. J. Skidmore of Skidmore; F. G. Graf, Ravenwood; J. Lamar Marshall of Grant City; S. J. Richardson of Maitland Herald.

"St. Joseph Print Shops and Prices," E. L. McDonald, with a round table discussion.

Saturday, Nov. 29.

9:30 a. m.—"Newspapers as I See Them and as They Should Be," by A. A. Jeffrey, Maryville.

Report of committee and election of officers.

"Our Newspapers and Service," C. L. Ficklin, Maryville.

"Why We Love Country Newspaper Work," Ewing Herbert, St. Joseph.

"Northwest Missouri Press Association and What It Should Do"—J. P. Tucker, Parkville Gazette; Thomas E. Williams, Union Star Herald; L. T. Moulton, King City.

"What the Northwest Missouri Press Association Has Done"—Wes L. Robertson, Gallatin; C. M. Harrison, Sedalia; Edmond McWilliams, Plattburg.

Thomas L. Howden, a former resident of Skidmore, but for some years past a traveling salesman for the Pimbley Paint & Glass Co., died at his home, 2813 Monterey street, Sunday. He was 51 years of age and his death was the result of heart trouble. The remains were taken to Skidmore Monday for interment.

MINNIE HAUKE NOW IN DIRE DISTRESS

Almost Blind and No Longer Able to Sing, She Asks For Help

WELL REMEMBERED BY PEOPLE HERE

She Spent Her Early Years at Atchison Where Her Afterwards Great Voice Was Used to Entrance the Rivermen and Frontiersmen Who Gathered Around Her as She Sang For Them on the Porch of Her Mother's Frontier Boarding House.

There are hundreds of people now living in St. Joseph who at one time or another have sat in the Tootle and listened entranced to the almost divine notes of Minnie Hauke, America's great singer. The fact that she spent her early life almost at the doors of this great city, had much to do with bringing her "capacity houses" when she appeared here, and there are families still living in this city whom she visited in her younger days.

To all who knew her in her days of fame and fortune, the news that she is now in dire distress and has been obliged to appeal to her old friends for financial assistance, will come as a shock, for it was the general supposition that she had accumulated enough of this world's goods, that such a catastrophe could not occur—but it has.

Almost blind and no longer able to sing great audiences with her magical voice, with the voice that thrilled thousands with her Carmen so weakened that it no longer appeals, she is forced to appeal to her friends for help. None of the great host of admirers who visited her at her Villa Tribchen, near Lucerne, Switzerland, in recent years, had suspected the phantom of poverty which the singer so proudly hid. Her hospitality was that of the Southland where she had spent her childhood—and the hospitality of her years of triumph. But now they have learned that the proud Carmen sold her jewels and mortgaged her estate to pay for the little luxuries with which she surrounded them. Bit by bit, she ate into her capital, until now, 67 years old, made helpless by her failing sight, she has been compelled to appeal to those who applauded her so heartily in other days to protect her from want.

A Tragic Appeal for Help
"My old woman friend, who comes to me and helps me in my correspondence, thinks my compatriots in America might assist me that is, make a subscription or gift to help their original Carmen, which I created in America and London, singing the role about six hundred times, all over the world."

So reads the pitiable plea of the woman who once was one of America's greatest prima donnas. It recently was received in America from the United States minister to Switzerland, to whom Madame Hauke made her appeal.

"I have only a short time to live, and I pray daily to be taken away from this sad, and world, at least for me. I am more unhappy than words can express. My life in Tribchen is one of isolation, as I can go nowhere with no eyes to see."

Once Lived in Kansas
Madame Hauke is a broken woman now, living among memories in her lonely villa of Tribchen. And yet it seems not so many years ago that audiences thrilled at her lightning like flashes from the black eyes now dim with age, for as audiences hung breathless on the notes of Carmen as Madame Hauke's voice soared through the impassioned strains.

The singer was born in 1852 in New York City, but Atchison, Kas.

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ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATED BY THE CHILDREN

Armistice Day, Tuesday, was celebrated by the school children of St. Joseph—and they were about all that did observe this important anniversary in the life of the nation. To the number of ten thousand, the principal streets, waving flags and singing patriotic airs, a couple of bands furnished the music to which they stepped. An immense crowd filled the sidewalks along the line of parade and watched the movements of the little ones. Pers. J. Chapter Service Star Legion celebrated the day by dedicating a miniature flag. As night there was a celebration on Falls street.

EUGENE FIELD GRAVES

A Well Known Young Newspaper Man Takes His Life in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The many friends in this city of Richard S. Graves, formerly one of the best known newspaper men of this city where he was for many years employed on The Gazette and the News-Press, will be shocked to hear of the death of his youngest son, Eugene Field Graves, which came about through his own hand at Tulsa, Oklahoma, a week ago last night. The young man was born and reared in this city and received his education in the grammar and high schools of St. Joseph.

The father of the young man is now editor of the leading daily paper of Tulsa, and Eugene was employed on the staff as police reporter. For some time past he had not been in good health and the worry incidental had it been unbalanced his reason, for on Friday night he went home from his work at his usual hour and after spending the evening with his family consisting of his wife and son, retired. During the night he arose and, procuring a pistol, shot himself through the head, dying at once. His domestic and financial relations were of the best and nothing except his enfeebled health is known as a reason for his sudden and unfortunate act. He was very popular in Tulsa, and his tragic death cast a gloom over even that bustling city. The father and mother and his young wife were prostrated over the tragic event.

AERIAL MAIL FOR THIS CITY IN THE SPRING

It Will Be Brought Here On a Branch Line From Omaha

THAT POINT TO BE WESTERN TERMINAL

And From There Lines Will Radiate in Various Directions and Supply the Territory Contiguous to That City Which Will Put St. Joseph on the Air Route and Give This City Quicker Service Than Will Be Secured by the Windy City at the Kaw's Mouth.

Of course St. Joseph wants aerial mail service—and it is going to get it in the very near future—not further away than early spring, and perhaps much earlier—as the main line from which this city is to be supplied, is now being arranged for and will be open to Omaha before Jan. 1st.

Possibly it is neither right or proper to crow over the hard luck of a rival, but be that as it may, the facts stick out prominently that the windy city at the Kaw's mouth—in plain words Kansas City—which has for months past kept the wires hot and the railroads crowded with pushers en route to Washington to have Kansas City made the western terminus for the New York line, has lost out—and what is worse will have to take its aerial mail supplies later than St. Joseph—for the air service will serve St. Joseph first and then the noisy burg.

Will Come From Omaha

The reason why Kansas City will be served last, is because the federal government after looking all points over has decided that Omaha is far preferable as the western terminus than is Kansas City, and therefore has located the western terminal at that point, the decision being reached last week, and already the work of getting ready for the service is in progress at Omaha. Col. John A. Jordan, superintendent of aerial mail extensions and construction, reached that place Friday and at once ordered the construction of a hangar to be 150 by 200 feet. It will house four planes. The plan is to have daily service in and out of Omaha, one plane arriving from the east each day and one plane departing each day.

The service will be between Omaha and New York by way of Cleveland, Ohio, which is the one transfer point on the line. Omaha will be the other, as well as the western terminus, for the government does not contemplate

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WHAT GLASSY NOMINEES BRING ABOUT

Is Shown by the Results in the State Elections a Few Days Ago

GOOD DEMOCRATS WON WITH EASE

The Puercle Claims of the Gops That Are Always Made On Paper Prior to the Election Are Again Shown to be Without Foundation and Were But the Result of Visions Conferred Up by Muddled and "Thing Seeing" Brains.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Nov. 13.—

(Special Correspondence.)—The substantial victories a week ago in New Jersey and Maryland, indicative of what can be accomplished with high class nominees and sound party issues and an enthusiastic harmonious united pull together, has thoroughly aroused democrats in the doubtful and republican counties of Missouri, and wonderfully increased the determination of electors to bring out a full party vote at the election of November, 1920, say party leaders, lawyers and business men who have visited the state capitol during the last two or three days. The old worn-out trick of the g. o. p. press and the bosses and dictators of that party to claim victory for their candidates and partisan issues on the fact of the first returns from their strongholds, to stampede the people of the country into believing and accepting that such a thing has really happened, knowing that the revelations of the official and final count which occurs from a week to a month later, are generally proclaimed in small type on an inside page of most newspapers, and therefore will not be seen by many readers; no longer fools the voters of the high grass and tall timber regions, declare independent rural citizens, and many add to this declaration that it emphatically shows that they are a hundred per cent American each such elector intends to support the democratic national and state ticket at the election of 1920.

Democrats Support the Law

Rural democrats further contend that sufficient reasons exist for regarding the results of the recent election in five states as a huge party victory since three out of five states, New Jersey, Maryland and Mississippi, chose democrats to the highest positions they had to bestow. Additional attention is called to the assertion that two of the five states, Massachusetts and New Jersey, are always claimed before each general election by g. o. p. leaders as belonging to their column, and two others, Maryland and Kentucky, have lately always been claimed as doubtful by the same authorities, and only one, Mississippi, has been freely and without question given to the democratic party. Moreover, to again emphasize that the election was a democratic victory, liberal electors say that Massachusetts goes democratic about as often as Mississippi climbs into the republican hand-wagon, and that New Jersey is as rarely found in the democratic column as Missouri is carried by republicans. There are those who state, and without fear of contradiction, that in Massachusetts this time it really was no contest between the two parties but solely whether law and order should triumph over riot and mob-rule. Hundreds of democrats, the information from there is, for the time being forgot party doctrines and political principles and supported the republican nominee for governor to assert to the world that law enforcement was the only real issue which was at stake.

The Heavy Gains in Mississippi

The heavy gains the democratic ticket made in Mississippi are credited by independent voters of Missouri as being due to the high class and substantial national and state issues the nominees espoused and represented.

It is firmly believed all over Missouri that thousands of independent and disaffected republican voters have already fully determined to vote next November to uphold the patriotic policies and doctrines of President Wilson. It being fully realized by such electors that only high class men will be selected as the democratic nominees at the primary of next August. The efficiency, integrity and

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WELL NOW—JUST LOOK!

In that already famous report of the audit board which has "found so many county officials short" or otherwise, it is charged that the last preceding county court received pay for acting as a board of equalization, and also for acting as county judges—all on the same day—and the demand is made that they "testify" for one of those per diem. Now if that audit board was so astute and discerning, how does it come that the pay rolls of the county show that THE PRESENT COURT beginning the first Monday in March drew pay for twenty-three days each at \$115 per man, for acting as a county board of equalization, and also drew their regular \$5 per diem each for acting as county judges the same days? The people would like to know.

IF HE IS RIGHT

Henry L. Meyer and His Deputies Will Be Deep Down in the Scored Consummation.

Kendall B. Randolph on Wednesday furnished the Republican end of the county court a Republican opinion prepared by a Republican to the effect that the change of a word from that of "and" from "or" by the legislature, was sufficient to put county highway engineer Henry L. Meyer and his force of deputies into the depth of the dark brown consummation, which the Republican end of the county court has been so vigorously cooking up to a proper consummation as a scalp remover for the past six months. Ever since the two Republican judges have been in the court they have kept up a warfare with that end in view, but up to date Meyer and his force are still holding the fort—and are not much worried, but that they will be for many months to come. There are one or two real courts that this opinion must stand good before, prior to the time that Meyer and his force will take their departure.

The "salary joker" case also has taken on new life and strength, for on Tuesday Judge Charles H. Meyer went to Jefferson City where on Wednesday he appeared before Chief Justice Walker, and secured a writ of prohibition which will stop further moves in that case until the supreme court can pass upon Judge John M. Dawson's opinion which was adverse to the clerks and deputies at the court house whose salaries were increased. The defendants in the case now before the supreme court are Judges L. A. Vorles, T. R. Allen and W. H. Uta, all of whom agreed to stand as defendants. If the writ asked for is granted the case will probably come up at the January term of the supreme court. Judge Meyer in his contention before the supreme court acted on the theory that the Dawson decision was "bad law."

WINS A LITTLE ROUND

The Republican End of the County Court Gets First Fall in the "Joker" Case.

The Republican end of the county court won the first fall in the county salary bill—which, however, goes it nowhere—when on Monday through the circuit clerk's office here they received notice that Judge John M. Dawson of the Maryville circuit who heard the case, had decided that the "joker clause" in the bill was not valid. As to the remainder of the bill, the opinion is silent. Judge Dawson through a letter to the court's attorneys said:

"Dear Sirs: In the case of Buchanan County vs. Allen and others, I have concluded to hold that the act of the legislature of 1919 is constitutional, except that part of said act which lodges in the circuit judges the power to determine and classify the number of deputies each of the enumerated officials is entitled to. And that part of the act I hold to be unconstitutional and void, because no mention thereof is made in the title of the act, as required by section 26, article 3, of the constitution of Missouri. Hence the injunction will be made permanent as to the circuit judges."

"May I not ask you to prepare the decree along the line as herein suggested, and mail it to me at Grant City, Mo., when I will sign and return it to the clerk of the court."

Yours respectfully,

JOHN M. DAWSON.

The case will now go to the supreme court, where it will have a line at flooring.

A Port roadster crashed into a fence at Seventh and Barton Thursday and was badly demolished.